

# SWEEEPING ORDER ON THE FOOD PROBE

Secretary Redfield Instructs  
Agents of Department of  
Commerce to go to Bottom  
of Increase in Prices.

STOCKS ON HAND WILL  
BE FULLY REPORTED

Special Instructions to Dis-  
cover if War is Being Used  
by Combination to Advance  
Cost of Food Stuffs.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Announce-  
ment of an effort to have closed  
all boards of trade and other  
machinery by means of which  
speculation in foodstuffs can be  
carried on was made here today  
by Sol. Westerfeld, chairman of  
the trade relations committee  
of the National Association of  
Retail Grocers.

"I am taking the initiative in  
this matter by writing to P. B.  
Connolly of San Francisco, pres-  
ident of the National Association  
and members of the executive  
board," said Mr. Westerfeld.  
"Members of the board are scat-  
tered about the country, and dis-  
cussion by correspondence will  
require some time before we can  
determine whether the associa-  
tion will take the action that I  
advocate. Chicago retailers are  
with me on the subject. We  
have reason to believe that for-  
eign speculators are buying food-  
stuffs in the United States right  
now, and I am asking the execu-  
tive board to consider the advan-  
tage of the prohibition of the ex-  
portation of food stuffs also."

Prices of cut meats wholesale  
were unchanged today.

Attorney General McReynolds said  
after a conference with the president  
that the Sherman law was the only  
statute he was at present considering  
covering any attempts to fix prices  
and he could not determine whether  
new legislation was necessary until  
receiving reports from his investi-  
gators.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Agents of  
the department of commerce began  
their work today as part of the in-  
vestigation ordered by President  
Wilson to determine if food prices in  
this country are being artificially  
raised because of the European war.  
These instructions were sent to field  
agents at New York, Boston, Seattle,  
Chicago, Atlanta and New Orleans.

"You are instructed to immedi-  
ately and carefully inquire whether  
there has been a recent rise in retail  
prices in your city and vicinity; if  
so, on what articles and to what ex-  
tent."

"Special attention should be given  
to foodstuffs and articles of daily  
and other necessities. Learn what-  
ever the advance, if it exists, is gen-  
eral or confined to particular com-  
modities and if so what ones. Find  
if it has been sudden and gradual  
and if any articles have fallen in  
price. Learn what reasons are given  
for any advance that may have oc-  
curred and inquire particularly as to  
whether such reasons are the actual  
ones."

"Give special care to determining  
if there has been any advance due  
to speculation either in general war  
situation or on the temporary delay  
in ocean transit. Consider whether a  
fair stock exists or is available of  
any commodity that may have been  
advanced, and whether the facts  
show a purpose to use the war situ-

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tion to secure undue extra profits by  
increased prices.

"Study to learn if any combination  
exists to advance prices under exist-  
ing conditions. When the facts shall  
have been determined sufficiently to  
give a clear idea of the general situ-  
ation, report them promptly to the  
chief of bureau of foreign and do-  
mestic commerce and continue the  
inquiry subject to his instructions."

Secretary Redfield said he expect-  
ed to have enough facts within the  
next week to turn over to the attor-  
ney general for action.

Investigation of food prices in the  
national capital began today. Dis-  
trict Attorney Wilson began a grand  
jury investigation and summoned  
commission merchants, buyers for  
hotels and others to testify.

District attorneys at some of the  
nearby states telegraphed to the at-  
torney general today that they be-  
lieved many increases in food prices  
were fictitious and asked in some  
cases for special investigators to as-  
sist them.

### Probe Begins in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Special agents  
under orders of James H. Wilkerson,  
United States district attorney, were  
at work here today tracing increased  
food prices to their sources.

Sugar went to 5 and 10 cents a  
pound in retail stores here yesterday  
and the amount that might be pur-  
chased by a single customer was lim-  
ited in most of them. Wholesalers  
have put a limit on what they will  
sell to single customers, it was  
stated.

A boycott by women's organiza-  
tions on high-priced meats and pro-  
visions was inaugurated today.

### OIL PRICES ARE LOWER, ANYWAY

New York, Aug. 14.—The Stan-  
dard Oil company of New York to-  
day announced a reduction of 15  
points in the price of refined petro-  
leum in barrels for export, making  
the quotation \$10 cents per gal-  
lon.

## GREAT BROKERAGE FIRM DECIDES TO SUSPEND

Wilson and Company, Operat-  
ing all over Country will go  
into Voluntary Bankruptcy  
as Result of War.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—J. C. Wil-  
son and company, members of the  
New York stock exchange, the New  
York cotton exchange, the Chicago  
board of trade and the San Francisco  
stock and bond exchanges announced  
here today that after mature deliber-  
ation, the firm had decided to go in-  
to voluntary bankruptcy.

"The suspension," said a statement  
given out at the offices of the com-  
pany, "is brought about solely by the  
extraordinary American conditions fol-  
lowing upon the European war."

"The banks, to meet the drain of  
money naturally restricted their  
loans and called for payment of their  
debtors. We met these demands for  
some time and then were com-  
pelled in turn to call on our margin  
clients to make additional payments  
on their accounts. They answered  
that they could furnish additional  
security but could not furnish addi-  
tional money. The exchanges being  
closed, we could not even sell the ac-  
curities of such defaulting clients."

What form the bankruptcy proceed-  
ings will take, cannot be determined,  
J. C. Wilson, senior member of the  
firm, said today, until there has been  
time to consult with Harris, Win-  
throp and company, the firm's New  
York correspondent.

The firm has branch offices in Port-  
land, Seattle, Los Angeles, San Diego,  
and Colorado, besides its two here.

### THOMPSON STILL HELD AS SUSPECT IN AMORY MURDER

Chicago, Aug. 14.—The police to-  
day still held Allen M. Thompson,  
clerk to Edward P. Amory, secretary  
of the western railroad association,  
found murdered in his office Wednes-  
day but the mystery surrounding the  
killing apparently remained undis-  
solved. No charge was placed against  
Thompson.

That Amory might have been  
beaten and choked to death by some  
criminal inventor was a theory that  
had not been abandoned today. The  
western railroad association was an  
organization to protect railway ap-  
pliance patents.

### FIFTEEN PERCENT INCREASE SHOWN IN BUILDING IN U. S.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Building opera-  
tions in the United States showed  
an increase of fifteen per cent last  
month as compared with the same  
month a year ago, according to a  
statistic which will be published by  
the Construction News tomorrow.  
Every section of the country showed  
an increase, while losses were widely  
scattered.

### PRESIDENT URGED TO TAKE A REST

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—  
Friends of President Wilson  
are urging him to take a rest  
within the next two weeks, but  
so far he has made no definite  
plans.

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ad find it for you.

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## WAR

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ant as bearing on the interests of the  
Balkan states.

Germany Retire Hastily.  
Paris, Aug. 14, 10:30 p. m.—A tele-  
gram from Brussels to the Havas  
agency says a fresh engagement be-  
tween Germany and Belgium occurred  
yesterday between 5 and 6 o'clock  
in the evening at Groot Bets, five miles  
south of Harlen. The Belgian troops  
fired heavily on a detachment of 400  
Germans, who retired hastily.

### Seek to Reassure Poles.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 10.—(Via Lon-  
don, 1:50 p. m.)—With the view of  
removing the apprehension of the  
Poles in Russia, Germany and Aus-  
tria-Hungary and of gaining their  
friendship in the two last mentioned  
countries the Grand Duke Nicholas  
Nicholaievitch, commander in chief  
of the Russian army, issued an order to-  
day to the effect that all Poles show-  
ing loyalty to the Slav cause will be  
specially protected by the Russian  
army and government. Any attempt  
to interfere with the personal and  
material rights of these Poles not  
guilty of hostility to Russia will, ac-  
cording to the order be punished  
with all the severity of martial law.

### No Trouble Getting Out of Liege.

Brussels, (Via London, Aug. 14,  
3:10 p. m.)—The cashier of a Liege  
bank who arrived here on a bicycle  
to obtain funds said he had little dif-  
ficulty in getting out of Liege or es-  
tablishing his identity.

The German troops, he said, con-  
tinue their preparations for defense in  
the event the Belgian troops take the  
offensive, but the impression in Liege  
is that the Germans are preparing to  
leave the vicinity, as they are hurrying  
the construction of pontoon  
bridges over the Meuse.

The cashier says the treatment of  
the inhabitants of Liege by the Ger-  
mans gives no special cause for com-  
plaint. He came to Brussels by way  
of Hay and Namur.

### GERMANS HEAD FOR BORDER THROUGH SOUTHERN BELGIUM

Brussels, via Paris, Aug. 14, 1:55  
p. m.—Technical observers of the  
military operations of the last two  
days declare their opinion is con-  
firmed that the German army is  
seeking to reach the French border  
through the southern part of the  
Belgian province of Brabant, cross-  
ing that section where the plain of  
Waterloo is situated and forcing the  
Belgian army to retreat on Antwerp.

Prince William Lippe, who fell at  
Liege, is reported to have had in his  
helmet 10,000 marks in German  
banknotes.

### Montenegrins Invade Austria.

London, Aug. 14, 5:20 p. m.—A  
special newspaper dispatch from  
Rome today says a Montenegrin  
troop, aided by the inhabitants of  
Herzegovina, are successfully invading  
Austria, whose blockade of the Mon-  
tenegrin coast has practically ceased.

### NONE OF LIEGE FORTS HAS YET BEEN TAKEN

Brussels, via Paris, Aug. 14, 1:55  
p. m.—It was officially announced  
here today that none of the Liege  
forts had capitulated, as had been  
stated in German reports. It was  
declared that the defenders had been  
instructed to blow up the forts rather  
than surrender. A rumor that an  
attempt had been made on the life  
of King Albert was based on a slight  
accident to the royal automobile.

### GERMANS DECEIVED BY FALSE NEWS REPORTS

Paris, Aug. 14, 3:25 p. m.—An of-  
ficial communication issued today  
says that since the beginning of the  
war the German people have been  
systematically deceived by false news  
circulated by a large German agency  
with the object of making Germans  
think their troops had gained great  
advantages. It adds that there has  
been an absolute suppression of all  
news disadvantageous to the Ger-  
mans.

The French government, it was  
stated, had decided to issue a daily  
bulletin for distribution among the  
French troops. This would be  
composed of reports of field opera-  
tions and of important events in  
France, the object being to create a  
strong link between the French sol-  
diers in the field and their relatives.

### POLICE CENSOR ALL CORRE- SPONDENCE IN AUSTRIA

Rome, Aug. 13, 11:40 p. m., via  
Paris, Aug. 14, 12:25 p. m.—News  
received here from Vienna says that  
letters addressed to foreigners in the  
Austrian capital are opened by the  
police, who either retain them or de-  
liver them with a yellow band on  
which is printed: "Opened by the  
state police."

Newspapers throughout Austria-  
Hungary print scarcely anything ex-  
cept official news.

Vienna itself is half deserted. The  
worst feature of the war to those in  
the capital is the lack of money and  
the fact that prices of food have  
risen enormously. The public serv-  
ices are paralyzed and women are  
taking over the work.

### GERMANS PAID TERRIBLE PENALTY FOR HOLDING AT LIEGE SAYS AMERICAN

London, Aug. 14, 5:15 p. m.—The  
German army investing Liege under-  
estimated the fighting qualities of the  
Belgians and paid a terrible penalty  
for their daring, in the opinion of Vic-  
tor H. Durand, American vice consul at  
Liege, as quoted by the Brussels cor-  
respondent of the Times.

The correspondent says that Mr.

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Duras was an eye witness of the first  
two days of the siege, which he de-  
scribes. The Belgians permitted the  
forces of General von Emmich to pass  
the forts in their march on the town  
and then attacked them in the rear  
from the forts and on their front with  
infantry. He estimated the German  
casualties as from five to ten times  
as great as those of the defenders.

"Speaking as a neutral," says Mr.  
Duras, according to the Times cor-  
respondent, "it seems to be a part of  
the new military tactics of the Ger-  
mans to fight as much as possible in  
the night time. Comparatively little  
fighting occurred at Liege during the  
day."

"The scheme of the Belgian defense  
seemed to be not to make any serious  
resistance to the attack until the Ger-  
man troops were actually past the  
forts. Then when they were close up  
to the town and their several bodies  
trying to effect a junction, fire was  
opened on them from the forts behind  
and from rifles and machine guns in  
front, so they were caught in a trap  
and retreat was cut off. There was  
nothing for them to do but to be shot  
down or surrender."

"The amount of suffering on both  
sides owing to an inability to deal  
promptly with the wounded was very  
great, but especially to the Germans,  
whose casualties were from five to ten  
times as numerous as those among  
the Belgians."

"The Germans paid a terrible pen-  
alty for the boldness of their scheme  
of attack, which, from a military  
point of view, could be justified only  
by a conviction on the part of the  
German officers that they would meet  
with only the feeblest resistance. The  
mistake they made was in under-estimating the fighting qualities of the peace-  
ful Belgians."

ENTIRE SECTION OF GERMAN  
TROOPS SURRENDERED GUNS  
London, Aug. 14, 12:15 p. m.—The  
Havas news agency's version of the  
official statement issued by the French  
minister of war in Paris at midnight  
in reference to the fight on the Vosges  
mountain between the French de-  
partment of the Moselle-et-Moselle  
and German Lorraine, differed in  
some respects from that given by the  
Exchange Telegraph company. It  
says:

"An entire section and not a divi-

ion of the German troops, surrendered  
with their machine guns."

The Havas version adds:  
"In the course of recent operations  
a number of spies have been court-  
martialed and shot, including the  
mayor and postmaster of Thann in  
Lower Alsace."

"Two French battalions which had  
shelled the village of Lorraine in Ger-  
man Lorraine above Avricourt were  
dislodged by a superior force of Ger-  
man troops and driven back to Xures  
in the department of Moselle-et-Mos-  
elle on the road to the fortress of  
Lamelle."

"The Belgians in the operations  
around Liege took more than 2,000  
German prisoners, and in consequence  
of its restricted territory the Belgian  
government has asked France to ar-  
range for their confinement elsewhere."

"At various points along the French  
frontier the French troops have  
taken more than 1500 prisoners."

### HOT SKIRMISH YESTERDAY

AT EGBEREE NORTH OF NAMUR  
London, Aug. 14, 12:45 p. m.—A  
dispatch from Brussels to Reuters  
agency says that a battle near Egbe-  
ree, north of Namur, which occurred  
yesterday at Noville Teylers on the  
Namur-Triemont railroad line was  
keenly contested.

The Germans, according to the dis-  
patch, were mostly cavalrymen. They  
were surprised by the Belgians and  
sustained severe casualties. Eventually,  
they fell back hurriedly on Huy,  
between Namur and Liege.

The dispatch adds that three Ger-  
man aeroplanes flying over Diest were  
brought down by the Belgian arti-  
llery. The aviators were killed by  
being dashed to the earth and the  
third was terribly injured.

### FRENCH AIRMAN CHASED BY GERMAN MACHINES

London, Aug. 14, 9:55 a. m.—A  
dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph  
from Paris says an official statement  
issued at the French capital sets  
forth that a French aviator recon-  
noitering in Lorraine, was pursued  
by two German aeroplanes. Their ma-  
chines were larger and faster than  
the Frenchman's and carried three  
armed men each. After an exciting  
chase the French flier escaped and  
returned to the French lines un-

harmed.

The dispatch, confirming earlier  
French reports of the Belgian cav-  
alry's success over the Germans,  
who, it is said, suffered severely.

The Prince of Wales relief fund  
for the distressed families of British  
soldiers and sailors today attained a  
total of \$5,000,000.

Vienna, via London, Aug. 14, 1:50  
p. m.—The Austro-Hungarian mora-  
torium affecting private debts was  
extended today till September 30.

### SITUATION FAVORABLE FOR BELGIAN FORCES

Brussels, via London, Aug. 14, 1:25  
p. m.—No movements of importance  
have taken place since Wednesday's  
serious engagement between the Ger-  
man and Belgian troops, according to  
an official announcement here today.  
The communication adds:  
"The situation of the Belgian  
forces remains favorable."

### GERMAN PATROLS TAKE REFUGE IN SWITZERLAND

London, Aug. 14, 1:32 p. m.—A  
dispatch from Paris to the Exchange  
Telegraph company today announced  
that the French ministry of war had  
received news from Bern, Switzer-  
land, that members of German pa-  
trols have taken refuge in Switzer-  
land. It is stated that no French

troops have crossed the Swiss fron-

### TURKEY WILL BE MADE TO STATE HER ATTITUDE

Athens, via London, Aug. 14.—  
Considerable anxiety is felt here in  
connection with the reported pur-  
chase by Turkey of the German  
cruisers Goeben and Breslau, as it  
is feared the acquisition of those  
two vessels may make Turkey un-  
compromising of the disposition of  
the Aegean islands. A rumor that  
Turkey had named one of the war-  
ships Mithlene is taken as a justifi-  
cation for this belief.

Paris, Aug. 1, 5:22 a. m.—The al-  
lied governments opposed to Ger-  
many and Austria-Hungary have  
agreed to bring Turkey to a realiza-  
tion of its obligations as a neutral  
power in connection with her pur-  
chase from Germany of the cruisers  
Goeben and Breslau.

London, Aug. 14, 11 a. m.—A Reu-  
ter News agency dispatch from Paris  
says advice received here from the  
Dardanelles declare that, contrary to  
the statement of the Turkish govern-  
ment, the German flag has not been  
lowered on the German cruisers Go-  
eben and Breslau, nor have their  
crews been landed since their ar-  
rival in Turkish waters.

## Auction Sale

On Monday, August 17th, 2:30 p. m., at 1105 So. 4th  
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